



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

***Lee Harris, Mayor***

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**MAYOR LEE HARRIS TO GIVE HIS SECOND STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS  
TOMORROW AT COLLIERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

*Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris will celebrate the administration's accomplishments and introduce ways Shelby County Government can serve the public in the future.*

MEMPHIS, TN - On Friday, February 21, Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris will deliver his second State of the County address in his tenure as Shelby County Mayor. The program will take place at Collierville High School from 3:30 until 5:00pm. The theme of this year's remarks is, "We Can Do More."

Successes from the last year include expanding access for voters, a historic investment in Pre-K education, and the first every seven figure, yearly investment in public transportation.

Topics to be covered in the State of the County Address include workforce, criminal justice, reform, veterans services, education, conservation and climate change, neighborhoods, and healthcare.

**2020 State of the County Address**

**Friday, February 21, 2020**

**3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Collierville High School**

**11605 East Shelby Drive Collierville, TN 38017**

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At the address, Mayor Harris will announce Sustainable Shelby, a new program that will focus on preserving our shared environment and promoting sustainability.

Here is an excerpt of Mayor Harris' remarks:

"I am proud to announce we are launching Sustainable Shelby. This new program will focus on preserving our shared environment and promoting sustainability.

For instance, we recognize that the operation of Shelby County's large fleet of vehicles exacerbates local air quality problems, results in greenhouse gas emissions, and contributions to global climate change. Shelby County Fleet services produced nearly 14 million pounds of CO2 emissions last year. That's why we will transform the County's approach to fleet operations. In the coming year, we'll buy more low and zero emissions vehicles. More importantly, we will bring forward a Sustainable Green Fleet Policy. We will work with stakeholder groups, like the Sierra Club and the Office of Sustainability, to bring forward a plan to the County Commission to make permanent changes to how Shelby County purchases vehicles.

And we continue to work to preserve and protect our access to clean water. Nowhere is the significance of water more important than in Shelby County, where we have some of the best water in the world, right underneath our feet. The Memphis Sands Aquifer is a marvel of divine intervention. A few hundred feet below us sits 57 trillion gallons of pristine water. Our water resources started to take shape over 100 million years ago. Because of Memphis Sands, we are able to draw up to 200 million gallons of water today, tomorrow, and, if we protect it, we will be able to draw millions of gallons of water every day until the end of time.

Already, the Health Department has led an effort to update our groundwater quality control rules to make sure the pristine water beneath our feet is protected. Already, at the suggestion of concerned Shelby County resident LaTricea Adams we have created the Lead Prevention and Sustainability Commission. Now led by Ms. Adams as chairwoman, this commission is tasked with helping ensure that our schools have access to lead-free water. Already, we have begun the



labor-intensive process of testing water access at all our schools that are at risk. But, we can do more. We will work to strengthen the protections for our water and reduce the risks of contamination. Other communities rely on a water authority and sustainable educational programs to protect access to clean water. In the coming months, we want Shelby County to enter that conversation.”

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